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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 7-12, 14-26, 28, 29, and 32 are pending in the application, with claims 5, 6, 13, 27, 30, and 31 having been canceled, claim 1 having been amended, and claims 14-26 and 28 having been withdrawn.

Claims 1-4, 7-12, 29, and 32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement because, according to the Examiner, they contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as reasonably to convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

According to the Examiner:

Adequate support has not been provided for the amendment to the last three lines of claim 1. The examiner has found insufficient support for stating that all solvents employed within the 'entire' process have the claimed boiling point property. Applicants' specification only discloses the claimed solvents in conjunction with the step of dissolving the diphenylmethane diisocyanate monomer in one or more inert solvents.

The language of claim 1 has now been amended to specify that all solvents employed within the distillation step (D) have the claimed boiling point property. It is submitted that

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this feature is submitted in the specification as filed - for convenience, the undersigned refers to the Patent Application Publication of the present application, US 2003/0065124 - *inter alia*, in paragraphs [0022], [0026], [0033], [0099], and claim 1.

Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection of claims 1-4, 7-12, 29, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and an early Office Action to that end is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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